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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: Peter NIEBLING, et al. :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment filed concurrently herewith. Attached are specification amendments, claim amendments and remarks.